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Dear Watford St John's families,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

As you will be aware, our school was recently inspected by Ofsted. The inspection took place over three days and we were visited by three inspectors.

During the time, the inspectors met with the Senior Leadership Team, visited classes and spoke with children and staff members. They were impressed by the children's attitudes to learning and how loving and respectful both the children and staff are. They were also very impressed with the behaviour in the school within lessons, at lunchtimes and in the playground.

We are pleased the inspectors were able to see how both staff and children embrace the school ethos and how that influences all the relationships between children and adults within the school community. The inspectors had overwhelmingly positive feedback from staff and families too. Our safeguarding procedures are paramount and it is clear from the report that our children are happy and safe.

We are very proud of the journey St John's has been on throughout the last two years and acknowledge there is still work to be done as our journey continues. This was recognised by the inspectors.

The inspection team recognised that we have been working really hard to ensure Maths, Reading, Phonics and Writing as our top priorities. We are continuing to embed the Little Wandle phonics programme and we are ready to implement changes in other subject areas as well. More information will be added to the school website to keep you updated as we continue our progress.

The inspectors have written their report and it is now ready to be shared with our families. A copy of the report is included with this letter. The inspectors have provided a grade for five key areas. The grade for our school are as follows:

The quality of education Requires improvement

Behaviour and attitudes Good Personal development Good

Leadership and management Requires improvement Early years provision Requires improvement

Our school team has received Ofsted's feedback and are working together to focus on strengthening the education we provide. The inspectors will visit our school again within the next 18 months to ensure we are on track in all areas listed above. We will welcome their visit and we look forward to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our children.

I will ensure to keep you informed of all our changes and achievements in my weekly newsletter updates.

Thank you for continuing to support our school team as we continue to work towards providing the best possible learning environments and curriculum for your children.

In love and respect,

Miss Anna Pyatt

Headteacher